

shows how the Christian faith can be spread

Gossiping the Gospel

How simple Indians are planting The Church in India

By Bishop Lesslie Newbigin
Church of South India

This is a story of one small corner of South India. It's a bare, dry, wind-swept stretch of country where it is hard to make a steady living from the land. Ten years ago there were just a dozen little village congregations; now there are fifty. That hasn't happened because preachers have been sent to go there (although we've had a small evangelistic band working in the area); it has happened because the people themselves have talked it up to their friends. They have "gossiped the Gospel."

It all began many years ago when a village laborer heard a missionary preaching and bought a copy of one of the Gospels for a penny. He took it home, read it, and said, "This is the message for my people." He had to tramp many miles from town to town before he found someone who would come to the village and teach his people. But he didn't rest till he and his folk had some Christians. And from there it spread from village to village, among the ordinary laboring folk whom the wealthy landowners had for centuries treated as outcasts.

The movement wasn't all success. There were groups that accepted baptism and then went back. There were persecutions. Well-to-do landowners couldn't abide seeing their sons getting new ideas into their heads, giving up old customs, acting as if they were the children of God Almighty Himself!

At one point a newly baptized group was put under a sort of boycott, denied the use of wells, deprived of all educational work, reduced almost to starvation. Some of them came to the point of actually agreeing to go back to the old religion and were standing in front of the Hindu shrine ready to do as the priest told them, when they suddenly realized that Christ meant

more to them than life itself, and they turned their backs and left the priest standing there.

After that the landowners knew they were up against something they couldn't break. The whole community was given a new respect. Today they can't be treated as dirt. Something had really happened to them; they were children of God.

It spreads because ordinary people talk about it. Your relations come and ask you; when you go to a wedding the other guests gather round and say, "What is this you have done? What is this new message?" So you have to try to explain. You tell them about this new life. Even if you don't know how to tell it very well, they see it in your eyes. So they say "Come and tell us about it."

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Sometimes it is an individual, like Manuel the tanner who came to settle in Vadipatty and talked so much about it that the villagers came time after time to the pastor's house and said, "Why don't you come and take us into your family?"

Sometimes it is a young enthusiast like Jesudasan, a professional musician who was baptized only a few years ago, but who spends all his leisure time going from village to village as an evangelist, and who has brought two villages to Christ and prepared them for Church membership. More often, I think, it is just what ordinary people hear and see when they meet the new Christians.

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As soon as it is clear that a new group has really made the big decision to give up all the old faith in that-which-is-not-God, the Pastor comes and baptizes them. They are taken into the household of God. Then

there is a time of thorough and earnest teaching and learning.

Here is the place where the full-time workers come in. One or two of them come and live in the village and give something like a year of intensive teaching. The core of it is the story of Christ's life and teaching, the ten commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the meaning of the two sacraments, and the Apostles' Creed as the simplest summary of the great facts of our redemption. These provide the scaffolding, within which a fuller and fuller understanding will gradually grow.

When they have fully grasped these essentials, and understand what it means to be a Christian, they are received into full Church membership and the Lord's Supper is celebrated for the first time. Usually it is in the open air, under a big tree, or in a temporary shed. Then, made verily members in the Body of Christ, they are sent out to be His witnesses.

From the very first day it is understood that being a Christian means being a witness for Christ. So it is the most natural thing that they start right in and begin to go to the nearest villages to carry on the gift they have received.

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If you start this way, then you never get the odd idea which some people have that you can be a Christian without doing anything about it; that you can be a Christian first and a witness later! Communists don't suffer from that idea; they understand that a Communist is a man who is busy spreading communism. That's why a small body can produce such shattering results, whereas the Church, which is so big, often seems so flabby.

It ought to be clear from the beginning that a Christian is a man who is busy spreading Christianity—or rather, because this is the wonder of the new life, he is a man through whom the living spring of eternal life is bubbling out into the world to make dry ground blossom.

A few weeks ago I was visiting a village for the baptism of a new congregation. It was a dirty, slummy sort of village. I picked my way along a dark and messy street to a small temporary shed where the group was

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News and Notes

PLEASE NOTE

The housing committee for our Synodical Convention to be held in Sidney, Montana, June 18th-23rd appreciates the many early reservations which we have received to date. We would like to urge those who have not sent in reservations, and plan to attend, to do so early. We can promise accommodations in private homes only to those whose reservations are received by June 15th. We will try to provide housing for later reservations, but can make no promises. We are confident there will be ample hotel space for those who come without reservations.

Eldon P. Steffens
Housing Chairman

Pastor Kenneth Petersen of Shelby, Iowa, has accepted a call to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Owatonna, Minn.

Pastor Emeritus Stinus Loft's new address is 616 Circle K, Good Samaritan Village, Hastings, Nebr.

Harlan, Iowa, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lyle Paulsen, Pastor. Since the first of the year 28 adult members have been welcomed into our congregation; 10 babies have been baptized—5 of them on Mother's Day; and a class of 13—5 girls and 8 boys—were confirmed the first Sunday in May.

In mid-April our congregation was host to a pre-merger rally for the southwest Iowa district of 25 churches. The three District Presidents were on the program which included a question-and-answer period. The meeting was followed by an afternoon coffee fellowship in the church parlors.

On Sunday evening, April 26, we began a series of three meetings on the theme, "The Christian Home." Our guest speaker was the Rev. Frank Nielsen of Sioux City, Iowa. The Family Workshop and Hobby idea was carried out in the short talks by members of the congregation and in the many interesting displays in the church parlors. Further informal discussions

and conversations around the coffee tables helped to make it a very worthwhile event.

We are grateful and thankful to the many volunteers who made possible our church floor improvements. The floor was sanded and refinished and new carpet has been laid in the chancel and aisles. The initial gift which made the carpeting possible came from Mr. Asmus Frees in memory of his wife, together with donations from our other organizations. Our Luther Leaguers served a pancake supper, and the choir will give a special concert. Mr. Frees, who is a young and spunky 95, recently helped two daughters observe their Golden Wedding Anniversaries—Mr. and Mrs. Lars Hodne of our congregation, and the Philip Mortensens of Audubon.

Mrs. Marie Hansen (age 84) of Westbrook, Maine passed away May 5 at her home. Her funeral was held in Trinity Lutheran Church on May 8. Mrs. Hansen was the mother of the Rev. Cornelius Hansen and the Rev. Thorvald Hansen, both of Racine, Wisconsin. Two other sons and four daughters live in the vicinity of Westbrook. Two grandsons are presently serving as pastors and another is preparing for the ministry. Among the many memorial gifts for missions was a \$200 gift to the Dana College Development and Forward Phase from the members of the Emmaus congregation in Racine on Pentecost Sunday.

Edith Lindgren was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 18, 1911 to Pastor and Mrs. Henry Iversen. During her childhood she lived in parishes which her parents served in Maine, Nebraska, Oregon, Michigan and in Cushing, Wisconsin. She completed her education in Michigan where she began her teaching career, and when she moved to Cushing she taught at the Cushing School. On June 7, 1935 she was united in marriage to Harold Lindgren of Luck, Wisconsin, where they have resided continuously. To them were born two daughters, Anne, 19, now attending college and Gail, 13, at home.

In December 1957 she underwent surgery and learned she had cancer. She made a remarkable recovery after the surgery until about one year later when evidence of the cancer again became evident. She entered the Masonic Memorial Hospital of the University of Minnesota Hospitals in Minneapolis in early January where she remained a patient until her untimely death on April 27, 1959. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 1, 1959 at Luck Lutheran Church, Rev. Reynold Tange officiating. Burial was in Luck Cemetery.

Mrs. Lindgren is survived by her husband, Harold, her two daughters Anne and Gail, her mother, Mrs. Christine Iversen, now residing at United Pioneer Home of Luck, her brother Raymond of Eugene, Oregon and her brother, Philip of Hagerstown, Maryland. Her father, the late Pastor Henry Iversen, passed away on September 16, 1954.

6 WOMEN'S GROUPS ISSUE JOINT MISSIONS STUDY

Completion of their first cooperative publishing venture was announced in Chicago by the women's organizations of six church bodies participating in the National Lutheran Council.

The joint publication, a 64-page booklet on Lutheran work in Africa rolled off the presses of the Augustana Book Concern in Rock Island, Ill., during the first week in June. Titled "Uncommitted Continent," it was authored by the Rev. Rudolph O. Burke, associate director of the Board of World Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church.

The booklet of six chapters was written to meet the need for a Lutheran supplement to the 1959-60 mission study books on Africa prepared by the Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches.

Beginning with a brief history of the century-old Lutheran world of Africa's vast "uncommitted continent," the book delves into the revolutionary changes and tensions in Africa today and points up their effect on the Christian community and the fast-developing indigenous Lutheran Church.

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Editorials and Comments

THE STATISTICIAN REPORTS

stor P. C. Jensen, Blair, Nebr., who serves the synod statistician, reports the membership and other matters of the synod to the annual convention in his usual manner.

Not every one will buy a Yearbook of the Synod, so produce the most important details.

Memberships by Districts:

	Bapt.	Conf.	Comm.
Atlantic	2,255	1,401	1,103
Dakota	3,146	2,065	1,660
Wisconsin	13,288	8,436	6,953
Minnesota	8,320	5,336	4,306
North Dakota	15,278	9,704	7,382
South Dakota-Montana	2,592	1,676	1,262
Nebraska	8,580	5,431	4,531
Michigan	11,317	6,859	5,883
Canada	2,256	1,171	942

Total for Synod	67,032	42,079	33,922
Total for Year	2,403	1,733	1,265

Religious Organizations:

	Number	Members
Churches	69	2,214
Men's	178	12,758
Women's	62	2,253
Religious Leagues	161	3,933
Members in nearly all churches		4,693

Religious Education:

	Number	Teachers	Pupils
Day Schools	179	2,836	25,001
Summer Schools	160	1,125	12,968
Religious Classes	161	(pastors)	2,873

Religious Education in Lutheran Schools, 297; in others, 754

Students preparing for ministry, 79

Religious Service:

Services in parish work, 141
 Religious Services, 11,188; Midweek Services, 1,599
 Confirmed: Children, 1,313; Adults, 745
 Marriages, 761; Funerals, 1,168
 Communions, 1,977; number communed, 172,252

Statistics are shown in most of the figures. However, Atlantic and North Dakota-Montana districts report slight losses in baptized membership.

The Luther League gained 13 new leagues. It reports 13 leagues and 3,933 members.

Baptisms increased in number. Adults baptized were 301 over against 301 in 1957.

Only 745 adults were confirmed over against 1,159 in 1957.

OUR CHURCH PAPERS

The Report of the Lutheran Publishing House speaks of the publication, Dansk Nytaar as a successful one. The Book of Books Store in Omaha, operated together with the ALC, continues to be successful. The chairman of the board, Mr. N. O. Berthelsen, says that the year has been one of the best from the point of view of earnings.

The paid subscriptions of the church papers are as follows:

	1957	1958	1959
Ansgar Lutheran	11,476	11,526	11,800
Dansk Ugeblad	1,025	994	893
Little Lutheran	5,996	5,339	4,699

It goes without saying that Luthersk Ugeblad, the Danish paper, will continue to lose readers every year, and no new Danes arrive to take the place of those that leave.

The paper, however, will continue to be published at the end of 1960, according to the report.

The Little Lutheran seems to have difficulty. It lost over 600 subscribers the past year. We know the problems the Sunday Schools face with the Sunday School papers.

It naturally gives us some joy that The Ansgar Lutheran had a slight gain of 274 subscribers. However, we would like to do better during this coming year. Beginning with the Joint Union Committee meeting in July The Ansgar Lutheran will begin to publish every important article pertaining to the new church. We believe that church members who want to be informed about the things that take place in the transition period will need The Ansgar Lutheran. We know that the new church will publish a much better paper than The Ansgar Lutheran. Readers that have The Ansgar Lutheran will begin to get the new paper during the first week of 1961. So better start now.

A POET'S PASSING

August L. Bang, 71, who was also well known to many in the UELC, passed away May 15, 1959 at Cedar Falls, Iowa. He was a member of the AELC. He edited a Danish newspaper, **Dannevirke**, from 1939-1949. He also edited a Danish Christmas publication, **Julegranen** for some time.

We have known Bang since 1914, when he was at Kenmare, N. Dak. He had just come from Denmark. He was an original man. To spend an evening with him was a treat. We would discuss everything under the sun. Then he would take his pencil and write one or two lines of Danish poetry. He was a good Danish poet.

Bang fought for his Danish heritage all his life. No doubt this was a disappointing battle, for the Danish heritage never won the day, as he no doubt hoped it would.

Despite the idealism Bang and several others seemed to have made the mistake that the Danish heritage could only be preserved by the Danish language and by transplanting things Danish in their native dress. We believe our forefathers often made the same mistake. No doubt many of our pastors and other Danish-American scholars would have done more for Danish culture if they had thought of putting things Danish in an American dress. When we translated and published Kaj Munk's **Four Sermons** which were so well received by the whole American Press, a man wrote to us and said it was a mistake. "Don't try to give us Danish spiritual delicacies in American clothing," was his warning. Because of this view too many things of our heritage have been preserved as if it were in a glass jar and put aside in an attic.

Culture is like the truth. It cannot be preserved unless it is put to use. Did we not as a church fail in that? Soren Kierkegaard is at present being read in all theological and philosophical circles in America. But he is being translated and interpreted by other men than those of our church. Those men are doing more for the Danish cultural heritage than the two churches of Danish background and also the many so-called Danish organizations.

But when this is said, we are happy to pay tribute to the idealistic and struggling spirit of August L. Bang.

Church News *from here and there*

MERGING LUTHERAN GROUPS TOLD CHURCH NAME LIMITED

Four Lutheran bodies merging into a new 3,000,000-member denomination are still without a name for the united Church, it was reported at a meeting in Chicago of the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity.

Legal obstacles have eliminated four out of six suggested names, leaving the commission two for possible consideration. They are the Lutheran Church - United Synods and the United Lutheran Church in America. If necessary, a third possibility is the Augustana Lutheran Church.

Merging are the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, Augustana Lutheran Church, Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Suomi Synod) and United Lutheran Church in America.

H. Ober Hess of Philadelphia, a ULCA layman and the commission's legal counsel, reported that the possible names ruled out because of legal difficulties were: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, United Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Lutheran Church in America.

NEGRO GIRL ATTENDS WHITE CHURCH IN GEORGIA

Attendance of a Negro girl at a service in Park Street Methodist church in West End, an Atlanta suburb, stirred news interest at Atlanta, Ga.

The all-white congregation was well into the service when an usher appeared to be asking the girl to leave. The pastor, the Rev. Leon Smith, interrupted his reading of the Bible to tell the parishioners: "This is God's House. Everyone is welcome to worship."

Two men, one a church steward, immediately left the church—but the Negro girl remained in the pew near the door and afterward came to the front to take Communion, kneeling between two white girls who had been seated in the same pew.

Mr. Smith said he did not know of the Negro girl's presence in the congregation until he stood up to receive the offering and became aware of "some twittering in the congregation."

Policy of the church, said Mr. Smith, is for ushers to "help Negro visitors

to see that it would be disturbing for them to attend services, but that if they want to remain they would be seated at the most convenient place."

No special pew had been set aside for Negro visitors, as was done at Druid Hills Presbyterian church here. So far, no Negroes have used the Druid Hills pew.

THEOLOGIANS URGED TO EXPLAIN VIEWS AS UNITY URGED

Protestant and Catholic theologians were urged in Chicago by a noted priest-author to get together and explain their respective points of view and beliefs as a step toward Christian unity.

The Rev. George H. Tavard, A.A., asserted that "the future of the ecumenical movement lies to a great extent in these possible contacts."

Father Tavard, author of "The Catholic Approach to Protestantism," gave a series of talks on Christian unity sponsored by the Adult Education Centers of the Chicago archdiocese.

He said Pope John XXIII's announcement of an Ecumenical Council was received by Protestants with "fears of a super-church, of absorption, of more obstacles (to unity) in the form of more definitions of faith."

On the other hand, he added, the announcement gave Protestants "hopes of being understood by Catholics instead of being simply rejected or renounced.... of seeing a gesture or hearing a word toward reconciliation."

"Catholics assert their belief and throw it at you like a rock," Father Tavard continued. "But they do not entertain enough contacts with ecumenical Protestantism to make this doctrine intelligible."

"The hope, therefore, is that Catholics will condescend to talk matters over and explain themselves. What can happen next is better left to God."

BIG CITY CHURCHES CALLED NEW MISSION FIELDS

The strength of the church is no longer in the big downtown city congregation, 400 delegates to the annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa were told at Davenport, Ia.

"As the membership dwindles in

favor of new outer fringe churches the large city churches need assistance more than ever," said Dr. William Wright of New York, director of the home department, Protestant Episcopal Church.

"This situation creates a new mission field which demands our attention," he asserted.

Use of a full-time layman to develop an effective stewardship program in the diocese as "a tremendous step forward in our common life" was urged by Bishop Gordon V. Smith of Davenport, Moines, Ia.

MOTHERS: HOME OR JOB?

Jay L. Roney, director of the Bureau of Public Assistance of the Social Security Administration, revealed that probably half of the nation's broken families headed by women have to live on less than \$2,000 a year. Mr. Roney, who is a member of Grace Lutheran Church (ALC) in Washington, D.C., told some thousand persons gathered at a Health, Education and Welfare briefing conference that a national welfare policy which would encourage states to enable more working mothers to stay home and raise their families is being considered by the HEW.

He asserted that more and more mothers of growing children are working on jobs outside the home and that is especially true among the nation's neediest families. These women may be enabled to give their children better care through broader assistance programs if the key question—whether a mother's first responsibility is to work in order to support her children financially, or to stay home and provide them with a strong family life—is answered, he declared.

RELIGIOUS EXHIBIT AT MOSCOW ASSURED

Director George V. Allen of the U. S. Information Agency responded promptly to the prodding of Senator Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut as to the importance of having a religious exhibit at the Moscow Fair this summer. Mr. Allen assured the Roman Catholic Senator that "the exhibit will illustrate the pervasive influence of religion in American life."

The Information Agency chief said the display will stress "the role of the Church and church-affiliated groups in community affairs; the pride taken in our traditional and modern ecclesiastical architecture; typical American families exercising their freedom of worship; and separation of Church and state."

THE WASHINGTON OBSERVER

By Gerhard Lenski

"THE PUBLIC STAKE IN UNION POWER"

The Public Stake In Union Power the title of a book recently issued by the University of Virginia Press. This book is a symposium based on lectures given by 16 famous economists at the University's Graduate School. These economists represent the leading universities of our land. The book aims to answer the crucial question: "Do unions wield too much power?" The answer given is an almost unqualified "yes."

Union leaders, of course, will not like this book or those who wrote it. Mr. Reuther will shout "anti-labor" and Mr. Hoffa will resort to more of the tactics so vividly ascribed to him in a recent issue of "Life" magazine. At the same time, the findings here recorded do fit so well into those created by the McClellan Committee that more constructive legislation than now in prospect should be forthcoming in the not too distant future. Senator McClellan has fought a brave battle toward this end. Some of his colleagues in the Senate and even also the Committee, fully aware of the facts in the case, fearing the labor vote, have not supported him as they should. But an endangered public is becoming more and more aware of the realities of the situation while the writers of this symposium—16 of the best informed specialists in the field—add a weight of evidence and authority undreamed of to bring stricter and better labor laws now sorely needed.

THE MOST REVEREND EGIDIO VAGNOZZI ARRIVES

The Most Reverend Egidio Vagnozzi, the new Apostolic Delegate of the

Roman Catholic Church to the United States. He comes by papal appointment to succeed Archbishop Amleto Cicognani. Prominent officials of the Roman Church welcomed him on his recent arrival in New York and a dozen bishops accompanied him from that city to Washington where his headquarters will be. On hand to greet him here in Washington, additional to Roman Catholic Church dignitaries, were Assistant Secretary of State William Sterling Lacy, former Ambassador to Korea and the Philippine Ambassador Carlos R. Romulo.

Apostolic Delegate Vagnozzi is said to be a scholar of great ability, skilled in the workings of diplomacy and thoroughly conversant with American thinking and the American way of doing things. He is known to his friends as "The American," a title which is said to please him very much. His more official title is one that associates him with the Diocese of Myra in Asia Minor, making him, as one report puts it, "successor to Santa Claus," that is to St. Nicholas.

Does his coming indicate any change in the age-old program and policies of the Roman Catholic Church? Will the Most Reverend Vagnozzi live up to his name and become "Santa Claus" for us all? It will be interesting to watch developments in this quarter. However, it would appear that our Protestant interest might well be turned in a somewhat different direction, noting as we do, the strong bid for popular favor and support being made at this time by Senator Kennedy, Roman Catholic aspirant for Presidential honors. Let Apostolic Delegate Vagnozzi get in some strong licks there coupled with plenty of

diplomatic finesse of the Vatican kind and both the nation and our world will have something to think about, won't they?

A GREAT MUSICIAN SPEAKS HIS PIECE

Sunday evening....the youngsters of the family watch TV....suddenly the desired program comes on....a rock 'n roll performance....jerky, jolting tunes....crazy, moaning words

Pablo Casals, Spanish cellist, world famed musician, is recorded in the Washington press as speaking to the above situation. His answer to the question: "What do I think of rock 'n roll?"—somewhat abbreviated but in substance unchanged—is as follows:

"I think it is a disgrace—poison put to sound. I feel very sad not only for music but for those addicted to such music, sorry for America that such a great country should have nothing better to pour into the expectant ear of mankind than this raucous distillation of the ugliness of our times performed by juveniles for juveniles. It is a terrible and sardonic trick of fate that the children of the present century should have to grow up with their bodies under the continual bombardment from atomic fallout and their souls exposed to rock 'n roll."

Strong words are these. Are they too strong? We commend them for prayerful consideration to the families of our nation (especially to those with growing youth), to our good church people (lovingly concerned for the welfare of growing youth), to our educators (whose great task is the training of growing youth) and especially to our Washington experts, law-makers and legislators (who should be able to see that America's chief hope for a better tomorrow depends on the ideals we impart to the youth of today).

Why Waste Money On Space Travel

"FANTASTIC" sums being spent by the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. to be the first to shoot a man into space could better be spent in medical and biological research, according to Sir John Cockcroft. Sir John's opinion must be treated with respect, for he is the head of Britain's atomic research program. At a news conference which was reported in the **New York Times** for May 1, Sir John said that the "thousands of millions being spent by the United States and Russia to get a man into space is not warranted." He said the project will not be of any great use to humanity, whereas, the

results of money spent on medical and biological study could be of immediate and great benefit. Our editorial hat sails into space for Sir John, whose common sense is so uncommon in these excited times. The real issue between ourselves and Russia is which will be the first to produce a social order that best preserves and extends civilization on this earth—civilization as expressed in living people. If we measure systems only by the race into space, there is not much to choose between ours and Russia's. By this standard, both are literally other-worldly, pie-in-the sky, escapist constructions.

—Christian Century

The seventh in a series of articles

Unity begins with you

Examine the Auxiliaries

By Robert C. Gremmels

Bill Davis was beginning to feel like a world traveler. In just three short articles he had covered nearly half the globe — locating colleges, charitable institutions, and mission fields—and now he was eager to push on to another aspect of the Church's work. Specifically, he wanted to examine the auxiliaries.

"I suppose we could go on for weeks talking about the division-centered work of the new Church," Bill observed, "but I'd like to get on to the auxiliaries—since they'll directly affect every member of my family. Just how will the auxiliaries fit into the program of The American Lutheran Church?"

That's a difficult question—mainly because the auxiliaries won't actually "fit into" the Church's program, at least not in the sense that education, evangelism, missions, etc., will. It would be more nearly correct to say that the auxiliaries will assist or supplement the program (which, after all, is the meaning of the term **auxiliary**). The purpose and responsibility of each auxiliary, as specified in the Church's Constitution, will be "to encourage the men, women, and youth of the Church to interest the unchurched and unconverted, and to become avenues of Christian growth, service, and fellowship."

"In other words, then," said Bill, "the auxiliaries will provide an extra push for the program of the Church. Is that all they will do?"

Essentially, yes. But that's a pretty big "all." By this time Bill Davis should know enough about the program of The American Lutheran Church to realize that an auxiliary created to support it will not be limited by it. The program is simply too big for that. Although the Church will maintain official control over its auxiliaries (auxiliary constitutions, for example, must be approved by the Church's General Convention), the auxiliaries will have considerable freedom. Each will draft its own constitution, elect its own board members, and set up its own program. In addition, each auxiliary will be represented on a Council of Auxiliary Activities, which will serve as a forum for the consideration of interrelated problems

and will handle matters which need coordination among the auxiliaries.

As pointed out in the third article of this series, The American Lutheran Church will have three auxiliaries—the Brotherhood of The American Lutheran Church, the Women of The American Lutheran Church, and the Luther League of The American Lutheran Church. Each auxiliary will adopt its own constitution and elect its own nine-member board. In each organization the chief administrator will be the executive director, who will be selected by the auxiliary board except in the case of the Luther League. There the director's post will be filled by the executive director of the Board of Youth Activity, as described later in this chapter. General conventions of the auxiliaries will be held triennially on a rotation basis—one group meeting one year, another the next, and so on.

Bill Davis has already observed that all three auxiliaries will directly affect his family—since his congregation already has organizations corresponding to each of the proposed auxiliary areas. (Some congregations, particularly newly established missions, may not have all three at the time of the merger; but they will be encouraged to organize them.) At present Bill is a member of the Brotherhood of the American Lutheran Church; his wife belongs to the ALC's Women's Missionary Federation; and both his children are Luther leaguers. All four will undoubtedly carry their membership over to the corresponding auxiliaries of the new Church. If so, here's what they can look forward to:

The Brotherhood

As a member of the Brotherhood of his own congregation Bill Davis will be a part of a Church-wide men's organization dedicated to the following purpose: "To help stimulate interest in the Kingdom of God among the men of The American Lutheran Church, and to further the effectiveness of this Church through the enlistment, training, and organization of men into a fellowship of working churchmen who will undergird the entire program of The American Lutheran Church." In other words, the Brotherhood will

unite the men of the Church in service of the Church.

In order to fulfill its objectives the Brotherhood will pledge itself to a fourfold program emphasizing devotion, education, service, and fellowship. Projects and other activities relating to this program will be carried on at four different levels—the congregation, the conference, the district, and the Church at large. The highest legislative authority in the Brotherhood will be the triennial convention. Between conventions this responsibility will be assumed by the General Board, composed of the district Brotherhood presidents and the auxiliary board.

This structure does not mean, however, that the national organization will dictate to the local Brotherhood determining all their activities. In order to affiliate with the national organization a local Brotherhood must agree to participate in the program approved by the Church-wide Brotherhood; but beyond that it is free to run its own affairs. The chief purpose of conference and district organizations is to provide a means by which the national organization can assist constituent groups in the accomplishment of the Brotherhood's purposes.

Women of The ALC

As a member of one of the congregations of The American Lutheran Church, Mrs. Davis will be a member of the women's auxiliary, the Women of the American Lutheran Church. This organization will be set up at national, district, conference, and local levels similar to those in the Brotherhood and will carry out its program accordingly. The purpose of the women's auxiliary will be "to know and do the will of the Lord Jesus Christ by: 1) inspiring in the individual member a deeper consecration to the Savior; 2) developing stewardship in time, talents, and treasure; 3) disseminating knowledge of the program of the Church of Jesus Christ and particularly of The American Lutheran Church; 4) spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world."

In order to fulfill this purpose the Women of The American Lutheran Church will work through two departments—a Department of Education and a Department of Stewardship. The Department of Education will concentrate on keeping the membership informed — through literature, through the Church's official organs, through radio and television, through meetings, conventions, workshops. The Department of Stewardship will encourage the expression of Christian faith in daily life and church activity.

Each of the two departments will be directed by a full-time secretary, who will be under the supervision of the auxiliary's executive director. Among other salaried staff members there will be several area directors, who will be responsible for the administration of the program of the Women of The American Lutheran Church within their areas, and a director of Children's Work, who will head this activity in cooperation with the church's Department of Parish Education. All staff members will be chosen by the auxiliary's General Board for a term of six years, tenure unlimited.

Officers of the Women of The American Lutheran Church will be elected at general conventions, held triennially, and will include a president, two vice-presidents, and a secretary, who will constitute the Administrative Board. These four officers plus five members at large elected at the general convention will make up the General Board. The General Board and the auxiliary's district presidents will act as an Advisory Board.

In addition to the regular duties of their offices the two vice-presidents will serve in liaison capacities within the organization. The first vice-president will be liaison between the Department of Education and the General Board, and the second vice-president will be liaison between the Department of Stewardship and the General Board.

Between conventions of the women's auxiliary the General Board will supervise the auxiliary's operations. Between meetings of the General Board his authority will be delegated to the Administrative Board. The Advisory Board will be a promotional agency, interpreting for the membership the policies and the program of the organization.

The Luther League

As members of the Luther League of The American Lutheran Church Joe and Carol Davis will participate in the work of an organization whose purpose will be "to provide the church's confirmed youth and their friends with the opportunity to know Christ, to grow in Christ, to fellowship in Christ, to share their faith in Christ, and to live Christ, to the glory of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit."

As in the other auxiliaries the program of the Luther League will be carried out on various geographical levels. The local league, of course, will be the center of most of the activities; and local leagues will be grouped in conferences and districts, whose geo-

graphical boundaries will correspond, wherever possible to those of the Church.

Every three years the Luther League of The American Lutheran Church will hold a Church-wide convention, where it will elect its national officers—a president, two vice-presidents, and a secretary. These officers and the district Luther League presidents will constitute the General Board, and this board will choose five of its members, including the president, to form the Executive Committee.

Although, as already stated, the Luther League will not choose its own executive director, it will have a voice in his selection. Nominations for the executive director of the Board of Youth Activity (who will serve also as executive director of the Luther League) will be made by a joint committee consisting of the Executive

Committee of the Board of Youth Activity and the Executive Committee of the Board of the Luther League. Election, however, will be by the Board of Youth Activity.

"Well," sighed Bill Davis, obviously a bit confused by the whole auxiliary picture, "I guess I asked for it. But then I suppose it's impossible to say much more about the auxiliaries until they've actually set up their own programs. At least I have some idea now of what to expect, and I think I understand the basic structure. So I'm not really disappointed."

Of course Bill's not disappointed—because, even though he can't see the auxiliaries in complete detail, he can see enough to know that they will play an important part in the work of the new Church. And if that much is clear, Bill Davis is satisfied.

Next: "Take a Look in the Mirror."

Our Foreign Mission Fields

NEW MISSIONARY TO JAPAN

Pastor Edward C. Eskildsen of Indianapolis, Indiana, has been called by the Board of Foreign Missions to go as a missionary to Japan.

Pastor Eskildsen was born in Manchuria of missionary parents on July 5, 1927. Pastor Eskildsen's father, Dr. Eskild C. Eskildsen, is now practicing medicine in Sanger, California. Dr. Eskild Eskildsen served as a Lutheran medical missionary in Manchuria until they were advised by the American government to return to the United States because of the threatening war.

The Eskildsens arrived in San Francisco on December 1, 1940, moving to the Los Angeles area, where the now Pastor Edward Eskildsen was confirmed at Olivet Lutheran Church in 1942 by Dr. Hans C. Jersild. They then moved to Sanger, California, where his parents still reside.

After his schooling Edward was ordained at the U.E.L.C. synodical convention at Audubon, Iowa. He was called to serve as Pastor of First Trinity Lutheran Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he has served since that time.

The Board felt that it would be advantageous for the mission field in Japan to have Pastor Eskildsen take one year of graduate work in the states before going to Japan; consequently, Pastor Eskildsen will be attending Yale University Divinity School beginning this fall.

We are happy to announce the recent marriage of Pastor Eskildsen to Marian Spear of Greenville, Michigan, on April 7th. Marian's father was

Pastor C. L. Spear of Greenville, who passed away in 1932. Marian attended the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis for one year and was graduated from the school of nursing in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Her brother is Pastor Ralph Spear, who is the minister at Luverne, North Dakota.

Mrs. Eskildsen has been interested in missions for some years. She inquired from the mission board about the possibility of going out as a medical missionary nurse about five years ago, at which time there were no openings.

Royal, Ia., Will Pay \$3,000 Annually

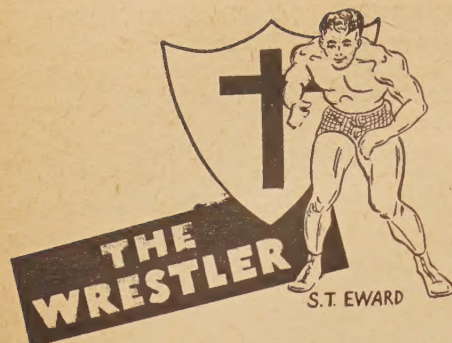
Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Royal, Iowa, Clifford R. Paulsen Pastor, has unanimously and enthusiastically adopted a proposed annual budget providing \$3,000 towards the support of a foreign mission. This amount will be applied for the support of Missionary Eskildsen. This is an annual grant and will have to be passed by the congregation each year.

The Board of Foreign Missions unanimously approved that when Pastor Eskildsen is to be commissioned for foreign service this commission should take place in Royal, Iowa.

It is with joy that our synod welcomes this new couple that will be added to our missionary staff. We pray God's richest blessing upon them and their new work.

WORLD MISSIONARY NEWS Phonographs For Sale!

The American Bible Society, which our synod supports, has appointed
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CHURCH FUND RAISERS

Debit Dough had completed his report to the building committee. It disclosed that unless the church could raise \$50,000 the plans for building could not continue. The congregation, so it appeared, was doing as much as it could do. Pledges had been received for the operating expense of the church and the synodical obligations with only a few thousand dollars extra.

Alert Albert had heard rumors about professional fund-raising organizations. He was instructed to secure information and to report back. The report was frustrating. The fee for such a service was high, and it could not get the approval of the congregation. Conservative members of the congregation argued that it was not "right" to use money given by members to pay a professional fund-raising agency a fee for something they were able to do themselves. An attempt was made to conduct a canvass of the congregation for building fund pledges, but due to lack of know-how and time, less than \$10,000 was pledged.

A few years later Alert Albert reported back that he had heard of The Capital Fund Raising Service within the church. Information was obtained, and the service employed in the congregation. With the know-how of the church agency, the congregation was satisfied and the funds were pledged and received—at a much lower cost to the congregation.

The American Lutheran Church and The Evangelical Lutheran Church offer such a service and have made it available to the UELC congregations on a limited basis. It has a success story of goals attained ranging from \$45,000 up to \$250,000. It employs four full-time workers.

Congregations may secure information about this service by writing to:

The Reverend E. J. Cornils
Director of Fund Raising Service
American Lutheran Church
Columbus 15, Ohio

Cars, Revolvers, and Murads

Editor, The Ansgar Lutheran
Sir:

I am sitting here at my desk browsing through a February, 1907 issue of McClure's Magazine. The articles contained therein by such well-known authors as William Allen White, William H. Osborne, and Damon Runyan have not fascinated me as much as the advertizing. The magazine, about half an inch thick, devotes about one third of its pages to advertizing.

Staid and trite you say? No Sir! Everything is advertized—from Cars, to Revolvers, to Murad Cigarettes—and it is done rather well; that is if we may use today's ads as standards for quality. For example a truly well-concocted ad bespeaks the Cadillac automobile (cost \$2500) thusly: "From motor to muffler this machine is an example of simple construction, of finish really super-fine, of accuracy not surpassed in any other mechanical creation—all of which are more pronounced because of the wonderful factory facilities and system that stand behind the Cadillac! The superiorities of Model H are so numerous that to select features deserving special emphasis is difficult."

How do you like that for a sales pitch? You can't read many ads today that could put it any better. Other cars are advertized. Such sleek 1907 models as Franklins, Locomobiles, Mitchells, Reos—and even the Rambler are pushed with sales pitches as clever as any I have seen today. Also advertized are revolvers (six-shooters to T. V. fans) with safety catches so safe that you can, as the ad puts it, "hammer the hammer without fear of having the gun go off."

But as today, the finest and most expensive-looking ad in McClure's for February, 1907 is a cigarette ad. The ad half convinces the reader that living is not truly luxurious, no, not even good unless one smokes Murads. Pictured is a salon of great luxury peopled with many finely dressed gentlemen each of whom is smoking a Murad.

What impresses me with the advertizing in this magazine of 1907 vintage is that American society was apparently not one iota less materialistic then than now. I was particularly impressed with the number of expensive items advertized—things which on a 1907 income would be well-nigh impossible to purchase, except by the very wealthy. How could they afford those ads? Of course, maybe the ads were cheaper in those days too.

Well, so much for McClure's.

Let's take the advertizing of today. Whether it appears in print, radio-sound, or T.V. audio-visual form it emphasizes exactly the same idea as is the case in McClure's of 1907, namely, that "our product" is the best possible buy for the money. I have often wondered if this "white-lie" type of advertizing is moral. In a free economy merchants have a right and perhaps even an obligation to try to get people to give preference to their particular products. But should it ever be permitted for a seller to tell the buyer that product A is better than product B, without proof? Should not our laws cover the dishonesty of lying advertizing as well as the dishonesty of stealing? Is there any real difference between false or exaggerated or otherwise misleading advertizing, and stealing? The old phrase, *caveat emptor* (buyer beware) will always hold true, but should there not be some safeguard against these ad con-men who fleece the public?

What I am getting at is that though much buying keeps money in circulation and employment high, our high standard of living is derived largely from our citizens buying stuff they don't need. Now, I claim that a very good standard of living could also be achieved honestly and with less deception in the world of commerce. I say this knowing that the innumerable merchants of today, faced with relentless competition, both fair and unfair, will not listen to me at all. Therefore it is high time the government tightened its enforcement of that law which prohibits false and misleading advertizing. I think that if this were done Americans would begin to consider quality more important than quantity. Many raw materials could be diverted to important uses—and might even be conserved.

Would this not be good stewardship?

Yours,
Scrip Sundry

Is The Spree Over?

ARE HEADACHES DUE?

By James R. Bishop

Material prosperity previously unknown in history has been the lot of the American people the past decade. This has been due, not so much to superior wisdom on our part, as to the logic of the world situation. Following World War II, world markets clamored for our products. This has kept our factories busy and prices high. It also has meant an intense internal struggle among our own people for increased profits. This in turn has resulted in a markedly inflated currency. Those whose incomes have not increased with inflation, such as public servants, pensioners and those dependent upon savings, are suffering as a consequence.

Prosperity is dangerous. All too often it leads to moral and spiritual decay. Who can deny that it has done so to us as a nation? Furthermore, prosperity has made us an object of envy and hatred on the part of those not so fortunately situated. This is especially true since, in so many instances, Americans have assumed an attitude of arrogance and disdain toward peoples of lands less fortunate than ours.

As a nation we have been on a long spree of pleasure-seeking and indulgence in luxuries. We are considered the leading Protestant Christian nation of the world. Less than two decades ago we were snugly-isolated and well-protected by the vast stretches of the Arctic icecap and two expanses of wide, wide ocean. Now isolationism is a thing of the past. Modern means of communication and travel have effectively ended it. More and more we are being pressed into becoming a common part of a mixture of all humanity. We cannot avoid it. World developments compel it. The great question is: What kind of a common humanity will this mixture become?

The one thing which has been the major contributor toward the finer, nobler, more desirable features of Americanism is the gospel of Christ. Years ago we should have been dead in earnest to spread it among all peoples of the whole earth. The Communists have far outstripped us when it comes to zeal, sacrifice, and effective effort in spreading their idealism. If our common humanity of the future is to be characterized by the finer things of Christian civilization, the spread of vital Christianity is a **must**.

We have been very lukewarm, to say the least, about the spread of the gospel. The use of a people's money shows where their interest lies. Think of the vast sums being spent for cosmetics, jewelry, entertainment, tobacco, liquor, etc., in comparison with what is spent to present vital Christianity to the world! For example, it is said that we are spending twenty-five times as much for the care of dogs as all Protestant churches combined for foreign missions.

The spree for pleasure and luxuries is on. But sprees have a way of coming to an end. When they end, headaches of one kind and another begin. When our national headaches begin, who will be to blame? It is high time to awake.

—Free Methodist



THE WEEK AT DANA

your midcontinent college

1959-60 FACULTY COMPLETED

President C. C. Madsen has announced the appointment of Darrell Zimmerman as head football coach for the 1959-60 school year.

Zimmerman, who has his Master's degree from South Dakota State College, has been coach at Farmington, Minnesota High School for the past four years.

In addition to his duties as football mentor, Zimmerman will coach the Dana track team. His track teams were conference champions three of the last four years at Farmington and were undefeated in dual, triangular and quadrangular meets.

Zimmerman's first year will also be the first year the new track and football field at Dana will be used.

The appointment of Zimmerman to the football post completes the Dana faculty-staff for the coming year.

26 DANA GRADS TO TEACH IN NEBRASKA

The trend away from small schools in Nebraska is very evident in the Dana College Placement Office. A wall map showing the location of schools in which Dana graduates have accepted positions reveals that only 1 of 26 teachers accepted a position in a rural school. Positions accepted in Nebraska are as follows: Omaha—8; Norfolk—5; Fremont—3; Blair—3; Tekamah—2; Oxford—1; Sargent—1; Cook—1; Clearwater—1; county school—1. Other teachers have accepted positions in California, Illinois, Iowa and Oregon. Beginning teachers with a degree averaged \$4,060 per year and beginning teachers with less than a degree averaged \$3,030.

Order Your Jubilee Souvenir Now



Dana Diamond Jubilee souvenir key chains (see above) are now available through the Development Office.

The attractive key chains, made of sturdy metal, are numbered in case of loss. Everyone will want to own a Jubilee souvenir key chain.

Order yours today. Just send your name and address together with one dollar, to the Dana Development Office. Your key chain will be sent by return mail, post paid.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

Youth Office Bulletin Board

TWO NEW BOOKS FOR YOUTH

GOD, SEX AND YOUTH by Dr. William E. Hulme, Wartburg Seminary. As a Christian counselor of youth, Dr. Hulme has had many years of experience in dealing with the problems of young people. In this volume he deals with the many problems in the area of sex which confront youth today, such as dating, going steady, sexual deviations, courtship and engagement. Every problem is approached from a spiritual point of view based on Christian principles. We highly recommend this book to youth and to adults. Price, \$2.95.

TEEN-AGER, THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO YOU

This little book by Walter Riess and published by Concordia Publishing House, is the result of the gathering of favorite Bible passages of more than 500 teen-agers. Each person indicated why the passage was his or her favorite. Shows how the Bible applies to every-day affairs of young people. Price, \$1.00.

ORDER THE ABOVE BOOKS FROM LUTHERAN PUBLISHING HOUSE.

Our Leadership Training School

Where? — At Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp in Iowa

When? — July 27-August 1, 1959

For Whom? — Leaguers of ALC, ELC, and UELC

Faculty? —

Bible Study — Pastor Norlan Hanson, President
Nebraska District Luther League, Aurora, Colorado.

Leadership Training — Pastor David Brown, Acting
Youth Director of ELC, Minneapolis, Minn.

My Life in The Church — Pastor Chester Patter
Assistant to the Youth Director of ALC, Columbus, Ohio.

Dean of School — Pastor George Robertson, Youth
Director of UELC, Blair, Nebraska.

Assistant Dean — Pastor Lloyd Lorensen, President
Iowa District Luther League, Exira, Iowa

If you are unable to attend our own LTS, a list of the schools sponsored by the ALC and ELC may be found on the opposite page.

SEE YOU THERE!! WHERE?? BLAIR!! For International Luther League Convention

(Submitted by Bethesda League, Eugene, Oregon)

REGISTRATION BLANK

Send to: Miss Margaret Erpelding, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska

Name Church

Address

Preregistration fee enclosed (\$5) (Pay remainder on arrival)

I plan to arrive Date Hour

Arriving by Bus or Train? Car?

Please have transportation committee meet me: Time Place

Preference of Roommate

Delegate Guest Pastor

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOLS

ALC Schools:

DISTRICT:

California
June 22-27
Canada
July 6-11
Central
August 10-15
Dakota
June 8-13
Eastern
July 20-25
July 20-25
Illinois
July 26-31
Iowa
July 6-11
Michigan
June 22-27
Minnesota
June 22-27
Northwest
June 29-July 4
Ohio
July 5-10
July 19-24
Texas
June 21-26
Wisconsin
July 26-31

PLACE:

LaVerne College
LaVerne, California
Luther College
Regina, Sask.
Ft. Hayes St. College
Hayes, Kansas
Garrison Bible Camp
Garrison, N. D.
Grove City College
Grove City, Pa.
Muhlenberg College
Allentown, Pa.
Wheaton College
Wheaton, Illinois
Bible Conf. Grounds
Cedar Falls, Iowa
Bay Shore Camp
Sebaiwang, Michigan
Memorial Camp
Onamia, Minnesota
Pacific Lutheran College
Parkland, Washington
Capital University
Columbus, Ohio
Texas Lutheran College
Seguin, Texas
ALC Camp
Clintonville, Wisconsin

REGISTRAR:

Rev. A. Kohler
Rev. E. Krueger
Rev. E. Baack
Rev. P. Hinrichs
Rev. D. Rehkopf
Rev. A. Schmidt
Rev. D. Bachman
Rev. A. G. Schardt
Rev. Wm. Keither
Rev. A. Oelschlager
Rev. T. Sipe
Rev. M. Bergin
Rev. H. Engeling
Rev. J. Hughes

ELC Schools:

Atlantic

July 20-25
July 20-25

Grove City College
Grove City, Pa.
Muhlenberg College
Allentown, Pa.

Rev. D. Rehkopf
Sanborn, N. Y.
Rev. A. R. Schmidt
Miami Springs, Florida

California

August 16-22
August 17-22

LaVerne College
LaVerne, California
Palo Alto Military Academy
Palo Alto, California

Rev. M. V. Midthun
Torrance, California
Rev. Sherman Korshavn
Long Beach 5, California

Canada

August 24-29

Waterton Lakes National Park

Rev. Sidney Nelson
Lethbridge, Alberta

Eastern

June 21-27
July 19-25
August 2-8

St. Olaf College
Northfield, Minnesota
Luther College
Decorah, Iowa
Whitewater St. Teachers
Whitewater, Wisconsin

Rev. Leon Holm
Onalaska, Wis.
Rev. Obert Lowe
Green Bay, Wis.
Rev. W. K. Sigwalt
Whitewater, Wis.

North Dakota

July 19-25
July 26-August 1

Dakota Lutheran Academy
Red Willow Bible Camp

Rev. A. P. Brucklacher
Ross, N. D.
Rev. Karl Xavier
Walhalla, N. D.

Northern Minnesota

July 19-25
August 9-15
August 16-22

Minne-Wa-Kan Bible Camp
Luther Crest Bible Camp
Emmaus Bible Camp

Rev. O. C. Anderson
Superior, Wis.
Rev. John Spencer
Glenwood, Minn.
Rev. Robert Sorenson
Milaca, Minn.

Pacific

July 5-11
August 9-15
August 9-15

Pacific Lutheran
Parkland, Washington
Montana St. College

Pacific Lutheran
Parkland, Washington

Rev. Lowell Knutson
Bow, Washington
Rev. J. M. Hovland
Sunburst, Montana
Rev. L. Siqueland
Tacoma, Washington

South Central

July 19-25
August 2-8

Waldorf College
Forest City, Iowa
Luther College
Decorah, Iowa

Rev. H. Blockhus
Armstrong, Iowa
Rev. Al Hvidston
Ridgeway, Iowa
Rev. John Nelson
Brookings, S. D.
Rev. Robert Ellison
Pierre, S. D.

South Dakota

August 2-8

August 2-8

Augustana College
Sioux Falls, S. D.
Black Hills Outlaw B. C.

Southern Minnesota

July 19-25
July 26-August 1
August 2-8

St. Olaf College
Northfield, Minn.
Waldorf College
Forest City, Iowa
St. Olaf College
Northfield, Minn.

Rev. Norman Bergeson
Heron Lake, Minn.
Rev. A. R. Sellevold
Slayton, Minnesota
Rev. Orin Thompson
St. Louis Park 16, Minn.

BY THE FIRESIDE

The Word Of God

This Book unfolds Jehovah's mind;
 This Voice invites in accents kind.
 This Fountain has its source on high;
 This Friend will all your need supply.
 This Mine affords us boundless wealth;
 This Good Physician gives us health.
 This Sun renews and warms the soul;
 This Sword both wounds and makes us whole.
 This Letter shows our sins forgiven;
 This Guide conducts us safe to heaven.
 This Charter has been sealed with blood;
 The Volume is the Word of God.

—Source Unknown

NO TIME TO TREAT MEN WRONG

By Walter E. Isenhour

There is a time to work and play,
 A time to eat and sleep;
 A time to study and to pray,
 A time to laugh and weep;
 A time for fellowship that's sweet,
 A time for sacred song;
 But never is there time to treat
 A human being wrong.

There is a time to lift men up,
 And help them on life's road;
 A time to drain their bitter cup,
 And share their heavy load;
 A time to bless them with our grace,
 And boost them all along;
 But never is there time and place
 To treat our fellows wrong.

There is a time to help men seek
 The God who saves the soul;
 A time to show them that the meek
 Shall reach life's highest goal;
 A time to help them turn aside
 And leave the wicked throng;
 But never does our God provide
 A time to treat men wrong.

THE WRONG DAY?

You see, God, it's like this. We could attend church more faithfully if your day came at some other time. You've chosen a day that comes at the end of the week, and we're all tired out. Not only that, but it's the day following Saturday night, and Saturday night is one time when we feel that we should go out and enjoy ourselves. Often it is after midnight when we reach home, and it is almost impossible to get up on Sunday morning. And you must realize that you have picked the very day on which the morning paper takes the longest to read, the day when the biggest meal of the week must be pre-

pared. We'd like to go to church, and know we should, but you have just chosen the wrong day.

—20th Century Christian

MAGNANIMITY

The story is told that during the Civil War Jefferson Davis one day wanted a reliable officer for an important command. He asked General Lee what he thought of a certain man by the name of Whiting for the post. Lee commended him highly. One of the latter's officers was greatly surprised at the General's commendations, and calling him aside, asked him if he knew what unkind things Whiting had said about him. Lee said, "I understand that the President wanted to know my opinion of Whiting and not Whiting's opinion of me."

Big men are too magnanimous to notice criticisms or slights. It is the small man, who is carried away with his own importance, who cannot overlook personal attacks.—Success.

LITTLE GIRLS

They're as cute as they can be
 When they're two years old or three.
 They are something to adore
 When they're three years old or four.

Would these charms could long survive,
 Which are theirs when they are five.
 But they have such lovely tricks
 When they've journeyed on to six.

Then their little legs grow stout
 And those two front teeth come out.
 Seven and eight and nine they stage
 What is called the awkward age.

After that through many a year,
 All their graces reappear.
 Loveliest creatures on life's stage—
 Little girls—at any age.

—Author Unknown

WHY?

By M. E. Cove

"My heart is weary, almost faint,
 And sore from long delay.
 Why do others always win,
 While failure comes my way?"

So moaned a traveler, tempest-tossed
 By storms, both night and day,
 With never a heartening circumstance
 To cheer him on his way.

"While others fortune gain, and fame,"
 He sighed, with head bent low,
 "Tho' I have given my all for Him,
 Success I do not know."

And then he heard a quiet voice
 Say, "What is that to thee—
 What others do, what others gain—
 If thou dost follow Me?"

"I send the storm, the pain permit;
 My plan will unfold to thee
 With beauty so beyond your thought
 You'll rejoice that you followed me."

—Herald of Holiness

CHRIST'S CODE IS A "MUST"

By Arthur Zahniser

"There is a 'code' that seemeth right unto a man," the writer of Ecclesiastes wrote, "but the end . . . is . . . death." The code of Christ, which may not seem so attractive, brings happiness here and hereafter.

The code men think right says, "Be strong in spirit—self-sufficient."

Christ's code: "Recognize your spiritual helplessness if you want heaven's help."

The world says, "Eat, drink, and be merry; laugh and be entertained."

Jesus says, "Mourners get comfort."

"Be a go-getter if you want success," the world advises.

The Master taught: "Meek men succeed."

The world bows to the ruthless; Christ exalts peacemakers, good and honest men, and merciful. Forgive your enemies, He tells us. To win an argument, just turn the other cheek. Pay back good for evil, and even pray for those who "do you dirt."

And only code-keepers will hear, "Well done," the Teacher of God's code said: "Not he that saith, Lord, Lord shall enter in the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in heaven." The code Christ taught is His Father's will. It is a **must** for you and me.

—Free Methodist

Homes for the Aged and Children

IN NEW CHURCH

Our synod has seven homes for the aged. In the new church there will be about 50 such homes and many others, who are unofficially connected with the church. We refer to the article May 4.

Here are three pictures: The top one shows the women busy at Christmas making Christmas presents.

There are not as many children's homes, about 14 in all.

The middle picture shows the ELC mission for the blind and deaf at Faribault, Minn.

The bottom picture shows a case-worker using play therapy at the ELC Children's Home, Waverly, Iowa.



GOSSIPING THE GOSPEL IN INDIA

(Continued from page 1)

assembling. They looked an unpromising bunch, poor, unkempt, illiterate.

I had one of those atheistical moments: "I wonder whether this really adds up to anything; what does it mean to baptize these people? What shall we ever make of them?" And then God rebuked me. I began to notice something else: a group of young men moving about among them, keen, bright eyed, trying to help and to show them what to do.

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Who are these? Of course! They are some of the men we baptized a year ago in the next village, and it is they who have brought these people to Christ and prepared them for baptism. That's the measure of the change that can happen by living for one year in the family of God.

"What can we make of them?" That's an absurd question. We couldn't do a thing. But God can make them His own children if we will just take Him at His word and let Him have His way in us.

About War

Once upon a time there was a little boy and his parents. One day the little boy asked his parents: "How do the wars break out? How are they declared?"

So the father, who was very learned in economic matters, started talking about cotton, oil and the things that divide the world. But the mother thought the little boy was far too small to understand all these kinds of lessons, and she said, "Let me explain it." So the mother began to explain, and the father got furious, and a big argument developed.

The little boy grew very frightened indeed and held up his hands and said, "Stop, stop! Now I know how wars begin."

—Irene Laire



FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS

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Richard Crane to sponsor the Finger-Fono project. He supervises recordings of Scripture in Mexican Indian dialects. The Bible Society supplies plastic phonographs for \$1.10 each. These are operated by finger power. Indians hear the Word of God. "Faith comes by hearing."

LITERATURE WORK IN ITALY

Pray for all true Christians in Italy. One distributor of literature projected for 1959 the distribution of:

100,000 "What Must I do to be Saved?" which are being given out to workers.

50,000 New Testaments which are to be distributed without charge.

10,000 Booklets in five different titles.

RUSSIA VS. U. S.

"Russia spends nearly fifty times as much as the United States spends on literature. That is fifty dollars for every single dollar that we spend in circulating the Word of God or even trying to offset the spread of Communist literature or non-Christian cults. — (Dr. J. H. Hunter).

FOR A JAPANESE PROGRAM

Luther Leaguers or W.M.S. societies who want to give a "Japanese Program" will find helpful suggestions in two little pamphlets which may be had for 50¢ each from LPH, Blair, Nebr.

William Axling, **This is Japan** tells about the land and its people, post-war trends, the Christian saga in the land of the sunrise and about Japan's role in an awakened Asia.

Alice Gwin and Esther Hibbard, **Fun and Festival from Japan**, gives information about special days, Japanese writing, music, poetry, entertainment, decorations, dinner recipes, etc.

The Rev. Allan D. Hansen, 3741 Lugo Ave, Lynwood, Calif., Edits this page.

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NEWS AND NOTES

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The booklet was published by the Augustana Lutheran Church Women, the Lutheran Guild of the Suomi Synod, the United Lutheran Church Women, the Women's Mission Society of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Women's Missionary Federation of the American Lutheran Church, and the Women's Missionary Society of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ROLE AS 'LITTLE MINISTERS' SCORED FOR LUTHERAN LAYMEN

The men's program of the United Lutheran Church in America may be faltering, according to its executive secretary, because laymen "have spent too much time trying to be 'little min-

isters,' doing poorly what some others could do better."

Writing on "Men Wanted . . . What For?" in the May 20 issue of "The Lutheran," the ULCA's official weekly newsmagazine, Howard L. Logan, executive secretary of United Lutheran Church Men, enumerates several other reasons for the program's plight.

He asserts that the United Lutheran Church has "demonstrated significant progress in all departments of endeavor except in the men's work." The program, Logan writes, "leaves much to be desired."

In order to save the men's work in the church, Logan advocates a program that "helps the man himself in his own life situation." One that will make him "a better husband and

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American Lutheran Foreign Missions

Lutheran Churches in North America support 1,624 missionaries on 35 foreign fields. The figures include the mission activities of 12 Lutheran church bodies and two church-related agencies.

Of the total, 172 new missionaries went to the field during 1958, while 166 returned after furloughs. Total number of missionaries sent out was 338, headed for 31 countries. Since the 1956 report, the number of missionaries from North America has increased by one, the 1956 figure being 1,623.

In 1956 there were 316 missionaries in India, he said, as compared with 192 or 124 less this year.

In the same period the United Lutheran Church in America has turned over \$3,000,000 worth of mission property in India to the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church in India, granting the national church full control. In addition, the American Lutheran Church turned over more than \$1,000,000 worth of mission property to the South Andhra Lutheran Church in India.

Largest number of Lutheran missionaries from this continent are sponsored by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod which as 352 people in the field. The Evangelical Lutheran Church is next with 330, while the ULCA supports 264, the ALC 248, and the Augustana Lutheran Church 184.

Africa continues to have the largest percentage of missionaries, with its total number increasing from 504 in 1956 to 547 in 1958.

During the past year, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod opened new fields in El Salvador and Korea, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church began work in Brazil.

Following is the breakdown by mission boards, fields and assignments:

SUMMARY BY MISSION BOARDS

	New	Returned	Year's Total	Total On Field
American Evangelical Lutheran Church	0	0	0	2
American Lutheran Church	29	10	39	248
Augustana Lutheran Church	22	33	55	184
Evangelical Lutheran Church	35	31	66	330
Lutheran Brethren	9	3	12	53
Lutheran Free Church	2	4	6	41
Lutheran Orient Mission	0	0	0	7
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	42	27	69	352
Santal Mission	0	1	1	15
Suomi Synod	1	0	1	4
United Evangelical Lutheran Church	5	4	9	21
United Lutheran Church in America	18	45	63	264
Wisconsin Synod	4	2	6	25
World Mission Prayer League	5	6	11	78
TOTALS	172	166	338	1624

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er." One that asserts his "Chris-
role as a man more than being a
st." A program that helps the
n to "assume his rightful role in
economic and political life of his
community."

PELIKAN BOOK WINS ABINGDON AWARD

Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, noted Luther-
professor of historical theology on
Federated Faculty of the Univer-
of Chicago, was named winner
the Abingdon Award for his book,
The Riddle of Roman Catholicism.

The award consists of \$12,500, of
which \$10,000 is a cash prize and
\$2,500 is an advance against royalties.

The winning manuscript, selected
from over 150 manuscripts, was se-
lected by a six-member board of
judges, representing a cross section
of readers.

WESTERNIZING CRITICIZED

Natives in some foreign fields get
the idea the Gospel is a system of law
because missionaries impose "a code

of morals and ethics," usually based
on Western standards, the head of
foreign missions for the Christian and
Missionary Alliance declared recently.

The Rev. Louis L. King of New
York warned that the tendency of
some missionaries to impose American
moral standards and concepts of
church organization on natives hin-
ders building an indigenous church.

"Theirs is a laudable ambition that
the Christian standard of morals and
habits of life be maintained," he said.
"It is this wholesome desire for a pure-
living people of God and a seeming
inability of the nationals in just this
area that sometimes keeps the mis-
sionary from an enthusiastic espousal
of the indigenous method."

Mr. King said the Christian and
Missionary Alliance has a twofold-ob-
jective: widespread preaching of the
Gospel and building churches operated
by the natives themselves.

Noting that "drinking, smoking,
chewing beetle nut, and attending
movies are especially to be shunned,"
Mr. King added:

"Just here, however, may come the
breakdown in the indigenous method

in that the missionary, sensing—
whether correctly or not—that these
evil practices would be allowed if the
administration were left to the na-
tionals, carries on as director of church
affairs."

He also made these observations.

"To see scantily or immodestly
clothed people is especially repugnant"
to some missionaries. The missionaries
therefore dress them "even though the
clothing may not be suited to the
people and may be a deterrent to self-
support."

"Being wedded to modern conven-
iences or our own standard of living
helps militate against the type of
church we seek."

Sometimes "an awesome document
with minute details, which for the
most part parallels our American
church constitutions, is imposed upon
the young Church.

Mr. King suggested that instead of
giving native churches "our well
thought-out and cut-and-dried formu-
las . . . the better method would be
to let them develop by the trial-and-
error method."

	Fiscal Yr. 1959		Calendar Yr. 1959
	Total	Synodical	Luth. World Action
Forward Phase			\$53101.00
Previously acknowledged	\$15610.46	\$ 3454.12	\$12156.34
Atatuma, Calif., Elmh Luth. S. S. for Santal Mission	14.00	14.00	
Atatuma, Calif., Pella Luth. S. S. for South America Mission	52.43	52.43	
Brookfield, Me., Emmaus Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	50.00	50.00	
Brookfield, Me., Helen A. Lund in memory of Steven Carl Polley for Children's Homes	5.00	5.00	
Brookfield, Me., In memory of Mrs. Marie Hansen, Westbrook, for Missions	5.00	5.00	
Brookfield, Me., Trinity Luth. Church in mem. of Marie Hansen for Dana College Ext. Fund	5.00	5.00	
Brookfield, Me., Laurine, Marie and Margaret Petersen in memory of Marie Hansen for Foreign Missions	5.00	5.00	
Brookfield, Me., Ebenezer Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$112.25, LWA \$129.10	241.35	112.25	129.10
Brookfield, Me., Mr. and Mrs. Dennes Dynneson in memory of Viggo Jensen \$3 and Adolph Reed			
Brookfield, Me., \$3 for Home Missions	6.00	6.00	
Brookfield, Me., Mr. and Mrs. Ebbe Hansen, Spencer, Ia., and Mr. and Mrs. Willis J. Olsen and			
Brookfield, Me., family, Hastings, Minn., in memory of Mrs. Lawrence Petersen, Ruskin, for Sudan Mission	6.00	6.00	
Brookfield, Me., Mrs. Bethany Luth. S. S. birthday offering for Foreign Missions	22.90	22.90	
Brookfield, Me., Mr. N. D., Luverne Ladies Aid in memory of Jacob Andersen, James Thompson, Chris			
Brookfield, Me., Andersen, Edward Preuss for Home Missions	20.00	20.00	
Brookfield, Me., Luverne Ladies Aid for help on the rural chapel in Japan Mission	25.00	25.00	
Brookfield, Me., ck, Wis., First English Ev. Luth. Church, Women of the Church for Home Missions	4.00	4.00	
Brookfield, Me., Fred Petersen for LWA	20.00		20.00
Brookfield, Me., Luther League "YES" for LWA	20.00		20.00
Brookfield, Me., y Sippl, Wis., First Luth. Church, Family Mission Workers, for Mark Thomsen's salary for			
Brookfield, Me., June, July and August	300.00	300.00	
Brookfield, Me., cine, Wis., To Foreign Missions in memory of Pastor Cornelius Hansen's mother, Mrs. Marie			
Brookfield, Me., Hansen, from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holm, Mr. and Mrs. Soren Thiesen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert			
Brookfield, Me., E. Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nielsen, Miss Lillian Johnson	10.00	10.00	
Brookfield, Me., Pittier, Calif., St. Andrew Luth. Church for Synodical Quota \$176.94, Forward Phase \$32.87,			
Brookfield, Me., LWA \$23.00	232.81	209.81	23.00
Brookfield, Me., Jacksonville, Ia., Jacksonville Luth. S. S. for Colombia Mission (South America)	20.59	20.59	
Brookfield, Me., Norhead, Ia., Bethesda Luth. Church for LWA	85.36		85.36
Brookfield, Me., ratonna, Minn., Our Savior's Luth. Church for LWA	135.05		135.05
Brookfield, Me., son City, Nebr., Zion Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	20.60	20.60	
Brookfield, Me., Plainview, Nebr., from two friends at Plainview, Nebr., for LWA	100.00		100.00
Brookfield, Me., Plainview, S. Dak., Rev. Harold S. Madsen in memory of Mrs. Anna Isaacsen for Home Missions	2.00	2.00	
Brookfield, Me., kland, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	200.00	200.00	
Brookfield, Me., Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church for Synodical Quota	400.00	400.00	
Brookfield, Me., Mr. and Mrs. Don Hagen in memory of Mrs. Dagmar Ankersen for Dr. Winther \$3.00*	15.00	15.00	
Brookfield, Me., gene, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Hans Nielsen in memory of Mrs. Anna Isaacsen for Indian Miss.	5.00	5.00	
Brookfield, Me., cine, Wis., Mrs. Marie Svendsen in memory of Mrs. Lawrence Petersen for Foreign Missions			
Brookfield, Me., st Canada Dist. Treas., Standard, Alta., Can.			
Brookfield, Me., Ostenfeld Ladies Aid, Ostenfeld, Manitoba, for Home Missions	50.00	50.00	
TOTALS	\$17688.55	**\$ 5019.70	\$12668.85

Not included in Synodical Quota. ** Included in this amount are special gifts for Forward Phase amounting to \$1,112.83.

Received with Thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, May 30, 1959.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer

CONVENTION NOTICE

Pella congregation of Sidney, Montana extends an invitation to all pastors, delegates and guests of the Synod to attend the 63rd annual Synodical Convention of the U.E.L.C. to be held in Sidney, June 18-23. We ask that you send your reservations as soon as you are able to do so to Mr. Eldon Steffens, Box 631, Sidney, Montana.

The homes of our members are open to visiting pastors, delegates and guests.

For those wishing hotel and motel accommodations, we give you this information: we have excellent and ample hotel accommodations; as far as the motels are concerned, they are also excellent, but there are not as many available motel rooms as there are hotel rooms.

Sidney is located just North of U. S. Highway No. 10 on Highway 16. There are excellent rail and bus accommodations to Glendive, Montana, and rail accommodations to Culbertson, Montana and Williston, North Dakota. All pastors, delegates and guests, will be met at any of these points if they will notify Mr. Henry Andersen, Route 1, Sidney, Montana in advance of their arrival.

Frontier Airlines has two Flights into Sidney daily. If you desire to be met at the airport, kindly notify Mr. Andersen as to the time of your arrival. Our transportation committee will be on call to meet all who desire its services.

Iver M. Iverson

President of Pella Lutheran Church

THE 63RD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 63rd Annual Convention of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held at Sidney, Montana, upon invitation from Pella Lutheran Church (Stanley Larsen, Pastor), June 18-23, 1959. The opening services will begin Thursday evening, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. The convention will continue through Tuesday noon.

All congregations are urged to send delegates, one delegate for each fifty members (twenty-one years or over). Delegates will please have credential blanks filled out, bring to the convention and present to the Credentials Committee.

All matters which require conven-

tion action should be in the hands of the Church Council by June 1st.

The Pre-Convention Reports are available through the pastors of the congregations. We urge all, both pastors and congregations, to give prayerful consideration to all the reports. May God grant His blessing upon our 63rd Annual Convention.

William Larsen, President

Lawrence Siersbeck, Secretary

MEALS AT UELC CONVENTION

The committee serving the meals at the Synodical Convention to be held in Sidney, Montana, June 18-23, state that they will have meal ticket books for the noon and evening meals avail-

able for \$9.00. This does not include the men's and women's banquet which will be \$2.00 each. All breakfasts will be served in the church basement and a free-will offering will be received to cover the cost of the breakfasts. During the entire convention at least one meal a day will be served in the Hotel LaLonde banquet room. The hotel is also centrally located between the church and the high school where all of the meetings will be held.

The Housing committee reports that the average cost of hotel room during the convention will be \$4.50 to 8.00.

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